

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

AUGUST 10, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CAMERON made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a resolution of inquiry on the 21st ultimo, have the honor to report a detailed statement in reply thereto :

In making this report, the committee avail themselves of the opportunity to show the saving to the government in the price of printing already done, as compared with the prices paid under the old system.

The whole sum paid for work delivered to the Senate up to the present time, is.....	\$15,941
Under the old law it would have cost.....	35,424
Saving.....	19,483
Cost of 30,000 Patent Office reports, ready for delivery.	\$6,275
Its cost under the old law.....	13,944
Saving.....	7,670
Cost of work delivered to the House of Representatives.	\$29,501
Its cost under the old law.....	65,713
Saving.....	35,712
Cost of 100,000 Patent Office reports.....	\$21,255
Under the old law.....	47,233
Saving in this item.....	25,978

Whole saving to the government in cost of printing already completed for the Senate and House, up to the present time, is \$88,843.

At the commencement of the session there was some cause of complaint against the character of the work, incident to the commencement of all new systems, which the committee were induced to over-

look, in the hope of making the experiment of executing the printing by contract successful, and of reducing its cost. They are now warranted in saying that the work has greatly improved in character; that it is delivered as promptly as so large an amount of work could be executed in any other printing establishment of the District; and that the whole saving, for the present session, in the cost of printing, will be over one hundred thousand dollars.

The committee feel confident too, that with proper vigilance on their part, and the increased facilities of the contractors, the work will be delivered much more rapidly hereafter, and its style and execution will be much improved.

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The whole sum paid for work delivered to the Senate up to the present time is..... \$18,911
Under the old law it would have cost..... 36,424

Saving..... 19,483

Cost of 30,000 Patent Office reports, ready for delivery..... \$6,275
Its cost under the old law..... 13,914

Saving..... 7,670

Cost of work delivered to the House of Representatives..... \$29,501
Its cost under the old law..... 66,713

Saving..... 37,212

Cost of 100,000 Patent Office reports..... \$21,236
Under the old law..... 47,233

Saving in this item..... 26,078

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